

NABARD Grade A Previous Year Question Paper 2021- English Language

Directions (1-5): In each of the questions given below five words are given in bold. These five words may or may not be in their correct position. The sentence is then followed by options with the correct combination of words that should replace each other in order to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. Find the correct combination of the words that replace each other. If the sentence is correct as it is then select option (e) as your choice.

Q1. JMM executive president Hemant Soren **retain (A)** from both the seats he **contested (B)** — Dumka and Barhait — while **outgoing (C)** Chief Minister Raghubar Das could not **won (D)** his Jamshedpur East **seat (E)**.

- (a) B-D
- (b) A-D
- (c) C-E
- (d) A-B
- (e) No replacement required.

Q2. With regard to the **fire (A)** into the Anaj Mandi **inquiry (B)**, the Mayor said that **officials (C)** had asked for a few more **days (D)** and the report would be **ready (E)** by January 3.

- (a) B-D
- (b) A-C
- (c) C-E
- (d) A-B
- (e) No replacement required.

Q3. The decrease in surface **likely (A)** speed, temperature, and **increase (B)** in moisture have been **forecast (C)** and these are **wind (D)** to lead to very **dense (E)** fog during the next two days.

- (a) B-D
- (b) A-D
- (c) C-E
- (d) A-B
- (e) No replacement required.

Q4. Stop any **difficulty (A)** if you experience any **unusual (B)** coughing, chest **discomfort (C)**, wheezing, breathing **activity (D)**, or fatigue and **consult (E)** a doctor.

- (a) A-D
- (b) A-C
- (c) C-E
- (d) A-B
- (e) No replacement required.

Q5. After **maintaining (A)** secrecy over the **mind (B)** of Amaravati for months and allowing **confusion (C)** to prevail, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister has finally **revealed (D)** what is in his **future (E)**.

(a) A-D

(b) A-C

(c) B-E

(d) A-B

(e) No replacement required.

Directions (6-13): Read the passage given below and answer the questions based on the information provided in the passage. Certain words have been highlighted to aid in answering the questions.

Following the killing of Iranian Major General Qassem Soleimani by the U.S., regional tensions have ____ (A) ____, that has kept two neighbouring states, Lebanon and Iraq, from disintegrating.

Lebanon is home to Iran's most important regional collaborator, Hezbollah. Although an **autonomous** political player, Hezbollah is beholden to Iran for financial and military support that has helped it solidify its base in Lebanon and confront Israel, a strong U.S. ally. It has acted as Iran's foremost proxy in the Syrian civil war and has contributed substantially to the Assad regime's victory over rebels. Hezbollah considers Israel its foremost enemy against whom it last fought a major war in 2006. Analysts assumed that Iran's immediate reaction to Soleimani's assassination would be to unleash Iranian-supplied Hezbollah rockets on northern Israel. Better sense appears to have prevailed in Tehran. Had a lethal conflict occurred between Hezbollah and Israel, Tel Aviv would have again destroyed much of Lebanese infrastructure and wreaked havoc on its population as it did in 2006. The Lebanese political structure, based on a delicate confessional balance and under stress from mass protests against the political elite, most likely would have collapsed leading to Lebanon joining the ranks of failed states.

Iraq's problems are even greater. It has borne the brunt of the fallout of the latest round of U.S.-Iran confrontation, for which it has been the battleground. The U.S. strike that killed Soleimani took place in Iraqi territory. The attack not only violated Iraqi sovereignty, but also killed Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, the deputy head of Iraq's Popular Mobilization Forces (PMF) and the commander of Kata'ib Hezbollah, which played a leading role in the storming of the American embassy a few days earlier. PMF is a **coalition** of Shia militias that now acts as an arm of the Iraqi armed forces. In retaliation for Soleimani's assassination, Iran targeted two U.S. military bases again in Iraq, further confirming its centrality in the U.S.-Iran confrontation.

Soleimani's assassination and the events that followed it have had four major consequences for Iraq. First, they have heightened anti-American feelings in its populace, especially among the majority Shia, which has led to the Iraqi parliament passing a resolution demanding the expulsion of all foreign forces from Iraqi soil. Second, it has brought to an abrupt end to the demonstrations calling for an end to Iranian intervention in Iraqi affairs; instead, a sympathy wave has turned the tide of popular opinion in favour of Iran. Third, the wave of anti-Americanism also clearly depicts the fissure within the Iraqi polity between the Kurds and the Shia Arab majority: the Kurdish representatives, in addition to most Sunni Arab members, boycotted the parliamentary session that passed the resolution calling for U.S. withdrawal as most Kurds consider American military presence essential to safeguard their autonomy in the north and to continue the fight against the Islamic State (IS). Finally, the projected removal of U.S. forces and Soleimani's killing are likely to embolden IS cells in Iraq to increase their terrorist attacks in the country and emerge once again as a threat to the Iraqi state and its population.

Since 2003, Iraq has become the principal arena in which U.S.-Iran competition has played out in West Asia. The escalation of this rivalry is likely to add to its inherent fragility, once again opening up the possibility of its eventual descent into a failed state. Iraq is the centrepiece of the regional order that was constructed at the end of World War I. Its unravelling is bound to affect Syria and Lebanon, both suffering from state debilitation, and could lead to an unstoppable domino effect that may well change the map of West Asia as we know it today.

Q6. Why did few sections of the Iraqi government boycott the session passing the resolution against the American troops?

- (a) Equal representation was not provided to the groups during the voting process.
- (b) Failed attempt to gain chairmanship of a committee creating tensions.
- (c) They felt American troops are necessary to safeguard the territorial integrity and act as a cushion to continue the fight against IS
- (d) Certain demands of the group were not met due to which they decided to withdraw support.
- (e) None of the above

Q7. Which of the following phrase could fit in the blank (A), to make the statement grammatically correct and contextually meaningful?

- (a) reduced to a new low.
- (b) reduced smuggling of animals across the border.
- (c) increased sale of oil in fear of oil shortage.
- (d) threatened the fragile political consensus.
- (e) None of the above

Q8. Which of the following word is dissimilar to '**coalition**' as mentioned in the passage given above?

- (a) succumb
- (b) deter
- (c) discord
- (d) merriment
- (e) None of the above

Q9. Which of the following word is similar to **autonomous** as mentioned in the passage given above?

- (a) clarify
- (b) flicker
- (c) coerce
- (d) sovereign
- (e) None of the above

Q10. What can be considered as the by-product(s) of the assassination of Soleimani for Iraq as a country?

- (a) Magnification of negativity against the Americans leading to passing of resolution demanding eviction of all foreign forces from Iraq.
- (b) New wave of sympathy for the Iranians and visible fractures between the Kurds and Shia Arab majority groups
- (c) Re-emergence of IS to once again unleash their reign of terror in the region
- (d) (b) and (c)
- (e) All of the above

Q11. What did Analysts consider would be the knee jerk reaction of Iran to the killing of Soleimani by United States?

- (a) Imprison all American soldiers residing in Iraqi bases.
- (b) Unleash Iran supported Hezbollah rockets on Israel to wreak havoc in the region.
- (c) Execute all refugee citizens from Israel residing in Iraq.
- (d) Nuclear attack on American bases in Iran.
- (e) (a) and (b)

Q12. What would have been the consequences if a confrontation had cropped up between Lebanon and Israel?

- (a) Complete demolition of Lebanese infrastructure and public life.
- (b) Collapse of political machinery in the state due to increased public pressure apart from the massive protests being carried out.
- (c) Israeli economy would have come to a standstill due to Hezbollah attacks.
- (d) Increased spending on military by both countries to tackle each other.
- (e) (a) and (b)

Q13. Which of the statement(s) can be considered to be true with respect to the given passage?

- (a) Iran has been the battleground for the current escalation between USA and Iran
- (b) The casualty of the American attack was Qassem Soleimani and no one else.
- (c) Most Shia Arab members, boycotted the parliamentary session that passed the resolution calling for U.S. withdrawal.
- (d) There has been no contribution of Hezbollah in the region.
- (e) None of the above

Directions (54-58): Rearrange the following six sentences (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E) In the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph and then answer the questions given below.

- (A) While the former minister praised the Digi Yatra system concerns were raised over the system being developed for surveillance by the government.
- (B) It promises convenience because of smoother and faster movement at multiple checkpoints at airports and is a step closer to Prime Minister's dream of a digital India.
- (C) However, with great digital infrastructure and upgrades, there could come a greater threat to data protection.
- (D) Your face will become your boarding pass in India's first digital system for air travellers - Digi Yatra.
- (E) The system, which has made its debut at the Bengaluru airport, works on facial recognition.

Q14. Which of the following should be the first sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) D
- (b) A
- (c) B
- (d) C
- (e) E

Q15. Which of the following should be the concluding sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) A
- (b) D
- (c) B
- (d) E
- (e) C

Q16. Which of the following should be the fourth sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) B
- (b) E
- (c) A
- (d) D
- (e) C

Q17. Which of the sentences in the rearranged paragraph are consecutive in nature?

- (a) D-C
- (b) A-E
- (c) A-B
- (d) E-B
- (e) D-B

Q18. Which of the following should be the second sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) C
- (b) A
- (c) B
- (d) D
- (e) E

Q19. Which of the following should be the third sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) C
- (b) A
- (c) B
- (d) D
- (e) E

Directions (20-25): In the following questions, a word is given in bold followed by four sentences. Choose the appropriate option mentioning the sentence(s) that uses the highlighted word in either grammatically incorrect or contextually incorrect manner.

Q20. Sluggish

- (i) The International Monetary Fund (IMF) said that the global economic outlook “remains sluggish” as it trimmed its growth forecasts.
- (ii) The man felt sluggish after indulging in a heavy meal at the party.
- (iii) The dog ran behind his master in a sluggish manner
- (iv) India is ramping up its sluggish development along the border with China.

- (a) Only (ii)
- (b) Both (i) and (ii)
- (c) Both (i) and (iii)
- (d) Both (iv) and (i)
- (e) None is incorrect

Q21. Stimulus

- (i) The governor said that the tax cut would act as stimulus to accelerate the growth of the company.
 - (ii) Her dreams gave her the stimulus to endure the 24-hour flight journey to the United States.
 - (iii) The scheme is part of the government's 316-billion stimulus package aimed at triggering a spending spree.
 - (iv) Medical Stimulus Brings High-Tech Training to hospitals without the presence of the patient.
- (a) Both (i) and (iii)
(b) Both (i) and (ii)
(c) Only(iv)
(d) Both (iv) and (i)
(e) None is incorrect

Q22. Lacklustre

- (i) After a lacklustre year, coal production to record good growth in December.
 - (ii) The team was warned not to make any excuses for their lacklustre performance.
 - (iii) The product was marketed with much fanfare to revitalise the lacklustre hair products industry.
 - (iv) In India, many airports have increased lacklustre measures and are checking inbound passengers from affected areas.
- (a) Both (i) and (iii)
(b) Only(iv)
(c) Both (i) and (ii)
(d) Both (iv) and (i)
(e) None is incorrect

Q23. Panoramic

- (i) The light snowfall led to the hotel balcony offering a panoramic view of the mountain range.
 - (ii) The panoramic to keep multiplexes, shops, restaurants and malls in Mumbai open round the clock was approved by the Maharashtra Cabinet.
 - (iii) A three-judge bench headed by Chief Justice S A Bobde gave four weeks to the government to file a panoramic.
 - (iv) Glass enclosed coaches will let the travellers enjoy the beautiful panoramic view of the heritage Kalka-Shimla route.
- (a) Both (i) and (iii)
(b) Both (ii) and (iii)
(c) Only(iii)
(d) Both (iv) and (i)
(e) None is incorrect

Q24. Congestion

- (i) The government gave approval for a railway corridor to tackle the increasing road congestion.
- (ii) The police have made special arrangements for proper congestion of traffic during the arrival of the minister.
- (iii) High exposure to air pollution can lead to increased instances of chest congestion states a new report.
- (iv) Proper congestion is necessary to maintain the efficiency of the pumping system.
- (a) Both (iii) and (ii)
- (b) Both (i) and (iii)
- (c) Both (ii) and (iv)
- (d) Only(ii)
- (e) None is incorrect

Directions (25-30): In the following passage, some words have been left out, each of which is indicated by a number. Find the suitable word from the options given against each number and fill up the blanks with appropriate word to make the paragraph meaningfully complete.

Every cause has an effect and that is why every government decision must be preceded by careful thought about its potential____65____. The Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) of 2019 has had huge ____66____ on both the domestic and foreign policy front. In India, widespread protests that began in the Northeast are now raging across the country. On the international front, soon after the protests ____67____ out, two Bangladesh ministers cancelled their visit to India, the Japanese Prime Minister postponed his visit to the country and the annual India-Japan summit was cancelled. From the perspective of India's ____68____ development plans and strategic diplomacy, the question that arises is whether the Central government ____69____ in the ramifications of the CAA on India's Act East Policy and its potential side effects on the country's relationship with foreign stakeholders heavily ____70____ in the Northeast.

- Q25.** (a) zest
(b) effects
(c) repercussions
(d) affects
(e) none of these

- Q26.** (a) consequences
(b) discernible
(c) manoeuvre
(d) garners
(e) none of these

- Q27.** (a) crack
(b) broke
(c) put
(d) shoot
(e) none of these

Q28. (a) vicarious
(b) trammel
(c) ambitious
(d) vigorous
(e) none of these

Q29. (a) placated
(b) withered
(c) factored
(d) downright
(e) none of these

Q30. (a) deduced
(b) invested
(c) ameliorated
(d) growth
(e) none of these

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S1. Ans. (b)

Sol. In the given statement, we will notice that the positions of (B) (C) and (E) are correct in context of the sentence. But (A) and (D) have been incorrectly placed and interchanging them will make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

The correct statement thus formed will be:

*JMM executive president Hemant Soren **won** from both the seats he **contested** — Dumka and Barhait — while **outgoing** Chief Minister Raghubar Das could not **retain** his Jamshedpur East **seat**.*

Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.

S2. Ans. (d)

Sol. In the given statement, we will notice that the positions of (C) (D) and (E) are correct in context of the sentence. But (A) and (B) have been incorrectly placed and interchanging them will make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

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*With regard to the **inquiry (A)** into the Anaj Mandi **fire (B)**, the Mayor said that **officials (C)** had asked for a few more **days (D)** and the report would be **ready (E)** by January 3. Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.*

S3. Ans. (b)

Sol. In the given statement, we will notice that the positions of (B) (C) and (E) are correct in context of the sentence. But (A) and (D) have been incorrectly placed and interchanging them will make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

The correct statement thus formed will be:

*The decrease in surface **wind (A)** speed, temperature, and **increase (B)** in moisture have been **forecast (C)** and these are **likely (D)** to lead to very **dense (E)** fog during the next two days.*

Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.

S4. Ans. (a)

Sol. In the given statement, we will notice that the positions of (B) (C) and (E) are correct in context of the sentence. But (A) and (D) have been incorrectly placed and interchanging them will make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

The correct statement thus formed will be:

*Stop any **activity (A)** if you experience any **unusual (B)** coughing, chest **discomfort(C)**, wheezing, breathing **difficulty (D)**, or fatigue and **consult (E)** a doctor.*

Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.

S5. Ans. (c)

Sol. In the given statement, we will notice that the positions of (A) (C) and (D) are correct in context of the sentence. But (B) and (E) have been incorrectly placed and interchanging them will make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

The correct statement thus formed will be:

*After **maintaining (A)** secrecy over the **future (B)** of Amaravati for months and allowing **confusion (C)** to prevail, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister has finally **revealed (D)** what is in his **mind (E)**.*

Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.

S6. Ans. (c)

Sol. Reading the third paragraph of the passage it can be deduced that the correct answer is option(c). The relevant sentences of the mentioned sentences have been quoted below:

“The Kurdish representatives, in addition to most Sunni Arab members, boycotted the parliamentary session that passed the resolution calling for U.S. withdrawal as most Kurds consider American military presence essential to safeguard their autonomy in the north and to continue the fight against the Islamic State (IS).”

S7. Ans (d)

Sol. The given sentence of the passage can be completed using the phrase ‘threatened the fragile political consensus’. All the other options are irrelevant. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

S8. Ans. (c)

Sol. Among the given words, ‘discord’ which means disagreement between people is the antonym of ‘**coalition**’. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

Succumb: fail to resist pressure, temptation, or some other negative force.

Deter: discourage (someone) from doing something by instilling doubt or fear of the consequences.

Merriment: fun.

Coalition: coming together to achieve a goal.

S9. Ans. (d)

Sol. Among the given words, ‘**sovereign**’ will be the synonym of word ‘**Autonomous**’. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

Sovereign: possessing supreme or ultimate power.

Flicker: vary rapidly in brightness.

Coerce: to do something by using force or threats.

Clarify: make (a statement or situation) less confused and more understandable.

S10. Ans. (e)

Sol. Reading the second last paragraph of the passage it can be deduced that the correct answer is option(e). The relevant sentences of the mentioned sentences have been quoted below:

“Soleimani’s assassination and the events that followed it have had four major consequences for Iraq. First, they have heightened anti-American feelings in its populace, especially among the majority Shia, which has led to the Iraqi parliament passing a resolution demanding the expulsion of all foreign forces from Iraqi soil. Second, it has brought to an abrupt end to the demonstrations calling for an end to Iranian intervention in Iraqi affairs; instead, a sympathy wave has turned the tide of popular opinion in favour of Iran. Third, the wave of anti-Americanism also clearly depicts the fissure within the Iraqi polity between the Kurds and the Shia Arab majority. Finally, the projected removal of U.S. forces and Soleimani’s killing are likely to embolden IS cells in Iraq to increase their terrorist attacks in the country and emerge once again as a threat to the Iraqi state and its population.”

S11. Ans. (b)

Sol. Reading the first paragraph of the passage it can be deduced that the correct answer is option(b). The relevant sentences of the mentioned sentences have been quoted below:

“Analysts assumed that Iran’s immediate reaction to Soleimani’s assassination would be to unleash Iranian-supplied Hezbollah rockets on northern Israel. Better sense appears to have prevailed in Tehran.”

S12. Ans (e)

Sol. Reading the first paragraph of the passage it can be deduced that the correct answer is option(e). The relevant sentences of the mentioned sentences have been quoted below:

“Had a lethal conflict occurred between Hezbollah and Israel, Tel Aviv would have again destroyed much of Lebanese infrastructure and wreaked havoc on its population as it did in 2006. The Lebanese political structure, based on a delicate confessional balance and under stress from mass protests against the political elite, most likely would have collapsed leading to Lebanon joining the ranks of failed states.”

S13. Ans. (e)

Sol. Reading the given passage carefully, we can come to the inference that none of the given options are correct. Hence option (e) will be the correct answer.

S14. Ans. (a)

Sol. Among the given statements, statement (D) is the most suitable statement to begin the paragraph as it an independent sentence. The tone of the sentences forming the passage seems to be informative/educative. The sentences in the paragraph gives us an insight into the newly installed facial recognition system in Bangalore airport to ease the process of movement through the airport and how it would be replicated all over India as well as flagging of certain issues related to data security due to this. Sentence (D) gives a good start to the passage and forms the introductory sentence. The correct sequence of the statements will be DEBCA

S15. Ans. (a)

Sol. Among the given statements, statement (A) is the most suitable statement to take the position as the concluding sentence as it tells us about the potential threat of system being used for surveillance by the government the sentences before the concluding sentence give us details about the merits of such a system adding more coherence to the paragraph. The correct sequence of the statements will be DEBCA.

S16. Ans. (e)

Sol. Among the given statements, statement (C) is the most suitable statement to take the position as the fourth sentence. Hence option (e) will be the correct option here. The correct sequence of the statements will be DEBCA.

S17. Ans. (d)

Sol. Among the given options option (d) will be the correct answer here as the correct sequence of the statements is DEBCA.

S18. Ans. (e)

Sol. Among the given statements, statement (E) should be placed at the second position in the paragraph. Taking a hint from the first line if we compare other sentences it will make no contextual sense to put any other statement. Hence, the correct sequence of the statements will be DEBCA.

S19. Ans. (c)

Sol. Among the given statements, statement (D) is the most suitable statement to begin the paragraph as it an independent sentence. The tone of the sentences forming the passage seems to be informative/educative. The sentences in the paragraph gives us an insight into the newly installed facial recognition system in Bangalore airport to ease the process of movement through the airport and how it would be replicated all over India as well as flagging of certain issues related to data security due to this. Sentence (D) gives a good start to the passage and forms the introductory sentence. The correct sequence of the statements will be DEBCA

S20. Ans. (e)

Sol. In the given sentences none of the sentences are incorrect hence option (e) will be the correct answer. Sluggish means “slow to respond or make progress; slow-moving or inactive.”

S21. Ans. (c)

Sol. Stimulus means thing that arouses activity or energy in someone or something; a spur or incentive. Hence (iv) will become contextually incorrect and to make the sentence correct the word “simulation “can be used meaning “imitation of a situation or process.”

S22. Ans. (b)

Sol. Lacklustre- lacking in vitality, force, or conviction; uninspired or uninspiring. Hence (b) will become the correct answer as all the sentences here use the highlighted word in a contextually and grammatically correct manner.

S23. Ans. (b)

Sol. Panoramic- (of a view or picture) with a wide view surrounding the observer; sweeping. Hence the correct answer here would be option (b). The word that can replace 'panoramic' in sentence (ii) and (iii) is 'proposal' and 'reply' respectively giving it the correct meaning.

S24. Ans. (c)

Sol. Congestion means an obstruction which makes movement or flow difficult or impossible. The use of the word congestion in sentence (ii) and (iv) is contextually meaningless. Hence the correct answer will be option (c).

S25 Ans. (c)

Sol. Repercussion is an unintended consequence of an event or action, especially an unwelcome one.

Effect (noun): a change which is a result or consequence of an action or other cause.

Affect (verb): have an effect on; make a difference to

Zest (noun): great enthusiasm and energy.

Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

S26. Ans. (a)

Sol. DISCERNIBLE (adjective): able to be perceived by a sense or by the mind.

MANOEUVRE (noun): a carefully planned or cunning scheme or action.

GARNER (Verb): gather or collect (something, especially information or approval).

Consequences: a result or effect, typically one that is unwelcome or unpleasant.

Hence, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

S27. Ans. (b)

Sol. BREAK OUT: If something dangerous or unpleasant breaks out, it suddenly starts.

PUT OUT: to put something in a place where someone will see it, so that they can use it or have it.

SHOOT OUT: a battle fought with handguns or rifles.

Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

S28. Ans. (c)

Sol. TRAMMEL (Noun) : restrictions or impediments to freedom of action.

Vigorous (adjective): strong, healthy, and full of energy.

VICARIOUS (Adjective) : experienced or felt by watching, hearing about, or reading about someone else rather than by doing something yourself

Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

S29. Ans. (c)

Sol. FACTOR SOMETHING IN: to include something when you are doing a calculation, or when you are trying to understand something.

DOWNRIGHT (adjective): (of something bad or unpleasant) utter; complete (used for emphasis).

STEER(Verb): guide or control the movement of (a vehicle, vessel, or aircraft), for example by turning a wheel or operating a rudder.

Placate (Verb): make (someone) less angry or hostile.

Wither (Verb): fall into decay or decline

Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

S30. Ans. (b)

Sol. After carefully reading the paragraph, “invested” can be accepted as the most suitable word for the given blank.



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